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FOLLOWING REPEAT OSLO 3457 ACTION SECSTATE JULY 19.

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L OSLO 3457

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: NORWEGIAN PLANS TO EXPAND LATIN AMERICAN COVERAGE

1. MFA DIRECTOR OF ASIAN, AFRICAN AND LATIN AMERICAN AFFAIRS, WILLY FREDRIKSEN, IN THE COURSE OF A CONVERSATION ON OTHER MATTERS, TOLD EMBOFF OF GON PLANS TO EXPAND ITS CONTACTS IN LATIN AMERICA.

2. ONE OF THE FIRST STEPS WILL BE THE ASSIGNMENT OF AMBASSADOR RAVNE TO JAMAICA WITH AN ADDITIONAL MANDATE AS A REGIONAL TRAVELING AMBASSADOR IN THE CARIBBEAN AND NEARBY MAINLAND COUNTRIES. (RAVNE WILL BE RESIDENT IN OSLO.)

3. FREDRIKSEN SAID THAT WHILE STILL SMALL, NORWEGIAN INTEREST IN LATIN AMERICA IS GROWING. HE SAID THAT THE MFA IS AWARE OF THE THINNESS OF THE INFORMATION IT NOW HAS ACCESS TO REGARDING THAT REGION. HE SAID THAT THE GON WOULD APPRECIATE ANY REGIONAL REPORTS, ANALYSES, ETC., THAT THE EMBASSY MIGHT
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BE ABLE TO PROVIDE.

4. FREDRIKSEN SAID THAT MFA WOULD BE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN
(A) AN OBJECTIVE STUDY OF THE OAS, ITS ROLE AND EFFECTIVENESS;
(B) A STUDY OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN LATIN AMERICA;
AND (C) POLITICAL ANALYSES OF CARIBBEAN AND CENTRAL AMERICAN STATES.

5. RAVNE WILL BE TAKING ON HIS NEW ASSIGNMENT IN MID-SEPTEMBER
EMBASSY WOULD, ACCORDINGLY, APPRECIATE RECEIPT
EARLY IN SEPTEMBER OF A SELECTION OF SUCH REPORTS AS ARA
AND INR BELIEVE WOULD MAKE AN APPROPRIATE BRIEFING PACKAGE
FOR THE GON'S REGIONAL AMBASSADOR.
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